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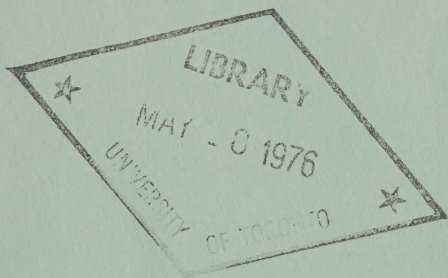
THE

CAPITAL GRANTS PROGRAM

FOR

ONTARIO FARMERS

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THE CAPITAL GRANTS PROGRAM OF THE ONTARIO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Agriculture, like any industry, requires increased capital in order to expand and meet the economic and technological changes of the day.

To help provide this capital the Ontario Government, through the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, created a "Capital Grants for Farm Development Program." This Program, providing financial assistance to farmers for capital improvements on their farms, commenced April 1, 1967, for a period of 12 years.

As of April 1, 1971, it was updated and expanded for the remaining eight years, i.e. up to March 31, 1979. Capital improvements started before April 1, 1971, can still qualify but under the previous regulations.

Farmers wishing to make use of the advisory services which are available as part of the Program should contact the County or District office of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR:

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| SECTION A | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farm Drainage• Farm Structures• Orchard Tree Removal |
| SECTION B | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Field Enlargement• Farm Water Supply |
| SECTION C | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farm Vacation Hosting
(Discontinued April 1, 1974) |
| SECTION D | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removal of Diseased or Dead Elm Trees |

WHO CAN QUALIFY?

Any farmer who owns the land on which the improvement is to be made, and whose gross annual income from that farm was at least \$3,000 during the 12-month period immediately preceding the date of application, may apply for a grant. Similarly, where a farmer leases the land to another person, a grant will be available to the owner provided the gross agricultural income of the tenant from the leased land is \$3,000 or more.

Any farmer who leases his farm from the Ontario Government including ARDA under the ARDA Farm Consolidation Project qualifies for a grant as if he owned the farm.

In this Program, "farmer" means a person or persons who:

- (a) are actively engaged in the business of farming in Ontario; or
- (b) own land in Ontario that is leased to a person or persons who are actively engaged in the business of farming on the land; or
- (c) form a partnership or corporation that is actively engaged in the business of farming.

Where two or more persons form a partnership or incorporated farm business, and are **actively** engaged in the operation of the farm, the partnership or corporation is eligible for a maximum grant of \$6,000 (double the grant available to one individual) but less any grants paid to any of the members actively engaged in the partnership or corporation.

Two families (e.g. a father and a son, or more distant relatives) who have a written agreement and are both active on the farm could be eligible under a partnership. Under this Program, a husband and wife are not considered a partnership and would not qualify for a double grant.

A farm partnership or corporation which is owned by shareholders or persons who do not normally earn their main income from working on the farm is not considered to be eligible for a \$6,000 grant.

SECTION A — FARM DRAINAGE, FARM STRUCTURES AND ORCHARD TREE REMOVAL

IMPROVEMENTS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE

The following improvements are eligible, provided construction commenced on or after April 1, 1971; except as noted *.

1. Farm Drainage
 - Tile drainage or open ditches constructed with heavy equipment.
2. Farm Structures
 - Construction, renovation or enlargement of permanent farm structures, other than dwellings, including: silos, stables, barns; poultry houses; greenhouses; milk houses; storages for grain, fruit or vegetables; packing structures; tobacco kilns; maple syrup structures.
3. Fixed Equipment, owned by the farmer, including piping, plumbing, stabling, pumping equipment, bulk milk tanks, permanent livestock scales, stable cleaners, silo unloaders, milker lines, fans, augers, permanent standby electric generators and feed mix mills. Maintenance and repairs do not qualify.
4. Paving of barnyards (not driveways).
5. Manure storages, including items of a fixed or permanent nature that are part of a waste disposal system.
- *6. New, permanent fencing and fencing materials used to contain livestock. (Started April, 1972.)
7. Bridges and culverts.
8. Electrical wiring and natural gas installations, other than for dwellings.
9. Removal of Orchard Trees
 - Up to a maximum of \$1,000 is allowed on the removal of orchard trees after October 15, 1971. Approval before cutting is required.

AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE

The amount of assistance available under Section A of the Program is:

Items 1 to 8 above: • 40% of the cost of the improvement(s)

Item 9 above:
(up to \$1,000)

- in orchard plantings of 50 trees or less per acre — \$3.00 per tree removed
- in orchard plantings of 51 trees or more per acre — \$1.50 per tree removed

Maximum assistance per farmer is \$3,000 less any amounts received since April 1, 1967, and less any amounts under Sections B and C.

The assistance may apply on one improvement or on any combination of improvements.

SECTION B — FIELD ENLARGEMENT AND FARM WATER SUPPLY

1. IMPROVEMENTS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE

The following four types of projects are eligible under the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act (ARDA), provided they are commenced on or after April 1, 1971:

- Field Enlargement by Fencerow Removal
- Farm Wells
- Farm Ponds
- Special Cases of Water Supply

2. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE

The amount of assistance available under Section B of the Program is 40% of the approved costs up to a maximum of \$1,500 per farmer. An eligible farmer may receive grants not exceeding \$1,500 in total for any one or any combination of expenditures incurred in Section B, less any amounts previously received under this section.

3. FIELD ENLARGEMENT BY FENCEROW REMOVAL

This assistance is available for the use of heavy equipment required to remove stones, trees, brush and old fences between *fields already under cultivation*. Roadway fencerow and line fencerow removal is also included.

Land clearing DOES NOT qualify.

Assistance is exclusive of the owner's own labor and machinery.

Advice on the use of equipment and methods of field enlargement may be obtained from the Agricultural Engineer or Agricultural Representative in the

local County or District office and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

4. FARM WELLS

Assistance will be available for the construction of new water wells, or the enlargement or improvement of existing wells, under the following conditions:

- (a) Charges are allowed for piping, plumbing, pumping equipment and the necessary electrical wiring, trenching, digging, drilling, jetting, boring, grouting, well development or rehabilitation (cleaning, surging, acidizing, chlorinating), and the costs of installation and materials such as casings, covers, well screens, seals and vents.
- (b) A completed, equipped and **functioning** well must be obtained before any Grant is made.
- (c) Dug wells must be properly cased, covered and protected against surface drainage.
- (d) Cisterns, for farm use, are included.
- (e) Bored or drilled wells must be constructed by a water well contractor, licensed under The Ontario Water Resources Commission Act. A copy of the water well record, supplied by the contractor, must accompany the application.
- (f) All wells shall be located where they are not subject to pollution.
- (g) Wells for house use only do not qualify.
- (h) The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food will provide publications and advice on water well construction. Information on local well conditions may be obtained from the Administrative and Data Services Section, Water Resources Branch, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, 135 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto M4V 1P5.

5. FARM PONDS

The purpose of the pond must be for agricultural uses, for example, livestock watering, irrigation.

- (a) Allowable charges include: clearing the site, digging test holes, excavation, leveling, trenches, cost of installation and materials for control and water intake facilities, fencing, piping, plumbing and plumbing equipment.

- (b) A pond must have a minimum of 6,000 square feet of water surface, with a minimum of 1,500 square feet of water 10 feet deep.
- (c) All woody material must be cleared from the proposed underwater area.
- (d) Ponds must be properly graded. Dugout pond side slopes (run over rise) shall not be steeper than 1:1 in clay soil and 2:1 in sandy soil. The excavated material must be graded so that it can be cultivated, seeded and mowed.
- (e) Ponds must be protected from sewage, barnyard runoff, and livestock damage. This may include diversions and fences.
- (f) Dams and by-pass ponds are subject to additional technical specifications and may be subject to regulations under:
 - The Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act
 - The Beds of Navigable Waters Act
 - The Navigable Waters Protection Act
 - The Conservation Authorities Act
 - The Ontario Water Resources Commission Act
- (g) Grants are not made to any applicant who charges admission, dues, fees, or accepts donations or gifts for privileges or services which rely in some part on the pond.

Assistance and advice in surveying pond sites and supplying standard plans may be obtained from the Agriculture Engineer in the local County or District offices of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

6. SPECIAL CASES OF WATER SUPPLY

Development of water supplies other than ponds and wells will be considered for a grant upon special application. The owner must apply for, and obtain, "Approval in Principle" for these developments BEFORE the work commences. Information and advice is available at the local County or District office of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

SECTION D — REMOVAL OF DISEASED OR DEAD ELM TREES

1. CUTTINGS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE

Trunks and limbs of diseased and dead elm trees are covered by this Program, providing cutting com-

menced on or after April 1, 1971. Approval before cutting is required. The wood should be disposed of, or piled, in a satisfactory manner. Trees less than 6 inches in diameter at 2 feet from the ground are not considered eligible under this Program. Trees cut in woodlots and forested areas are not eligible.

2. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE

The amount of assistance available is \$5 per tree up to a maximum of \$500. This amount is in addition to the limits of Sections A and B.

PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING A GRANT — WHERE AND HOW TO APPLY

Farmers who are eligible for assistance may make application according to the following procedures:

1. Application forms may be obtained from any County or District Office of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.
2. Two copies of the completed application form should be submitted to the office of the County or District in which the applicant's farm is located. The applicant should retain one copy of the completed application form for future reference.
3. It is important to make sure that the following information is attached to each application:
 - Itemized invoice(s) showing in detail the services rendered and/or materials supplied with the cost of each individual item clearly shown.
 - A copy of receipted invoice, or standard receipt, properly dated, marked "Paid in Full", and signed with full signature of the contractor or supplier.
4. Following receipt of the application forms and other required information, the improvements, when completed, will be inspected by a representative of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.
5. Receipts will *not* be returned. The farmer's copy of the application form can be used to support payments for Income Tax purposes.

Note: Photocopies of receipts or cancelled cheques will be accepted as proof of payment.

**SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE
IN THE CAPITAL GRANTS PROGRAM**

SECTION A —

Farm Drainage, Farm Structures and
Orchard Tree Removal \$3,000
(less any amounts received since April
1, 1967, and under Sections B and C)

SECTION B —

Field Enlargement and Farm Water
Supply \$1,500
(less any grants previously received
under this section)

SECTION C —

Farm Vacation Hosting \$1,500
(partnership and corporations cannot
receive an increased maximum grant
under this section)

(Discontinued April 1, 1974)

SECTION D —

Removal of Diseased or Dead
Elm Trees \$ 500
(\$5 per tree)

MAXIMUM —

\$3,000 in A, B and C, \$500 in D **\$3,500**
(Under Sections A, B and D, where two or more
persons form a partnership or incorporated farm
business, and are actively engaged in the operation of
the farm, the partnership or corporation is eligible for
a maximum grant of \$6,000 (double the grant available
to one individual) but less any grants paid to any of
the members actively engaged in the partnership or
corporation.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further information about the Capital Grants Pro-
gram and application forms may be obtained by
contacting the County or District Office of the Ontario
Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT OFFICES of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food

County/District	Address
ALGOMA	1496 Wellington St. E., Sault Ste. Marie
BRANT	207 Greenwich St., Brantford
BRUCE	Box 1330, Walkerton
CARLETON	26 Thorncliffe Pl., Ottawa
COCHRANE N.	Experimental Farm, Kapuskasing
COCHRANE S.	Matheson
DUFFERIN	Box 100, Orangeville
DUNDAS	Box 488, Winchester
DURHAM	234 King St. E., Bowmanville
ELGIN	594 Talbot St., St. Thomas
ESSEX	Essex
FRONTENAC	Box 651, Kingston
GLENGARRY	Box 579, Alexandria
GRENVILLE	Box 2004, Kemptville
GREY	181 Toronto St. S., Markdale
HALDIMAND	Cayuga
HALTON	181 Main St., Milton
HASTINGS	Box 340, Stirling
HURON	Box 159, Clinton
KENORA	70 Van Horne Ave., Dryden
KENT	P.O. Box 726, 435 Grand Ave. W., Chatham
LAMBTON	Box 730, Petrolia
LANARK	10 Sunset Blvd., Perth
LEEDS	Box 635, Brockville
LENNOX AND ADDINGTON	41 Dundas St. W., Napanee
MANITOULIN	Gore Bay
MIDDLESEX	195 Dufferin Ave., London
MUSKOKA AND PARRY SOUND	Box 130, Huntsville
NIAGARA N.	Vineland Station
NIAGARA S.	574 South Pelham St., Welland
NIPISSING	222 McIntyre St. W., North Bay
NORFOLK	19 Kent St. S., Simcoe
NORTHUMBERLAND	Box 820, Brighton
ONTARIO	Box 309, Uxbridge
OXFORD	Box 666, 954 Dundas St. E., Woodstock
PEEL	3 Elizabeth St. S., Brampton
PERTH	Box 398, 478 Huron St., Stratford
PETERBOROUGH	55 George St. N., Peterborough
PRESCOTT	Box 110, Plantagenet
PRINCE EDWARD	Box 470, Picton
RAINY RIVER	Front St., Emo
RENFREW	315 Raglan St. S., Renfrew
RUSSELL	Embrun
SIMCOE N.	Box 340, Elmvale
SIMCOE S.	Box 370, Alliston
STORMONT	Box 655, 109-11th St. W., Cornwall
SUDBURY	1414 La Salle Blvd., Sudbury
TEMISKAMING	Box "G", New Liskeard
THUNDER BAY	435 James St. S., Thunder Bay
VICTORIA	322 Kent St. W., Lindsay
WATERLOO	824 King St. W., Kitchener
WELLINGTON	Box 370, Arthur
WENTWORTH	R.R. No. 1, Ancaster
YORK	Newmarket Plaza, Newmarket

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